
Issue Brief – Services for Hearing Impaired Students

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SUMMARY

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires accommodations for people with disabilities. For students with hearing impairments, the accommodation is often an interpreter who goes with the student to the classes. When an interpreter has not been provided, students have sought legal recourse.

OBJECTIVE

To provide the Central UCAT Administration with a central pool designated specifically for reimbursing campuses' expenses associated with providing interpreters for students requesting this service.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Several of the UCAT campuses have had requests from students to provide interpreters over the past few years and experienced actual costs associated with these requests. These have generally been at the larger campuses. To accommodate the students requiring the services of interpreters, and in an effort to prevent possible future legal action against UCAT, the Analyst recommends funding in the amount of \$271,000. The Analyst recommends that the funding be appropriated to a new line item within the UCAT Administration budget designated specifically for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the UCAT campuses related to providing interpreters for hearing impaired students.

